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U.S. Patent Documents

1. U.S. Patent No. 6,196,992 to Michael R. Keilman et al., issued March 6, 2001;
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,984,891 to Michael R. Keilman et al., issued November 16, 1999;
3. U.S. Patent No. 5,944,684 to Martin Roberts et al., issued August 31, 1999;
4. U.S. Patent No. 5,284,470 to Alex D. Beltz, issued February 8, 1994;
5. U.S. Patent No. 4,765,907 to Robert D. Scott, issued August 23, 1988;
6. U.S. Patent No. 4,269,708 to Vittorio Bonomini et al., issued May 26, 1981;
7. U.S. Patent No. 4,212,738 to Werner Henne, issued July 15, 1980;
8. U.S. Patent No. 4,094,775 to William A. Mueller, issued June 13, 1978;
9. U.S. Patent No. 3,994,799 to Shang J. Yao et al., issued November 30, 1976;
10. U.S. Patent No. 3,884,808 to Robert D. Scott, issued May 20, 1975;
11. U.S. Patent No. 3,746,175 to Finley W. Markley, issued July 17, 1973;
12. U.S. Patent No. 3,388,803 to Robert D. Scott, issued June 18, 1968; and

Other Documents

13. MANNS, MARKUS, et al., "The acu-men: A new device for continuous renal replacement therapy in acute renal failure," Kidney International, Vol. 54:pp. 268-274 (1998).

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Copies of the above-listed documents, which are listed on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08, are enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that these documents be (1) fully considered by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the examination of the above-identified application; and (2) printed on any patent which may issue on this application. It is also respectfully requested that a copy of Form PTO/SB/08, as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned to the undersigned with the next communication in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609.

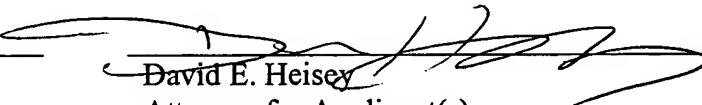
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Respectfully submitted,

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